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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): M. TSUDA, et al
Serial No.: 10/656,184
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For: MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING APPARATUS ASSEMBLY
METHOD
Group: 3726
Examiner: J. Hong

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 4, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment of the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.